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Rep. Honda Congratulates City of Campbell Leaders for Homeland Security Preparedness

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10, 2003 — Today, Rep. Mike Honda (D – San Jose) congratulated **Campbell Mayor Daniel E. Furtado, Councilmember Jeannette Watson and Campbell Police Captain Russell Patterson** for developing a disaster response system that serves as a national model. The National League of Cities recognized seven cities for their achievements in developing homeland security programs after the attacks of Sept. 11.

“Since the tragic events of Sept. 11, each level of government has been faced with the challenge of securing our homeland,” said **Rep. Honda**. “In developing the Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness Program, the City of Campbell’s leaders have met the challenge and developed a national model for cities across the country.”

“We are very proud of the accomplishments of civic and public safety leaders in cities like Campbell who over the past two years have created thoughtful, comprehensive new programs to improve homeland security and emergency management,” said **John DeStefano, Jr., president of the National League of Cities** and mayor of New Haven, Conn.

The Terrorism and Disaster Preparedness Program developed by Campbell leaders coordinates efforts between government agencies, universities, local schools, and community based organizations in order to respond to disasters quickly and efficiently. The program allows for the expansion of an emergency management organization, based on the severity of each possible disaster or terrorist attack, and includes a partnership with a local United Way agency for training and management of volunteers that could support City Hall during an emergency.